NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
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Weekly Staff Newsletter
March 26, 1999

Very special thanks to entire *Underground Adventure* team

On Saturday, March 27, *Underground Adventure*, the Museum's new permanent exhibition, opens to the public. A vast team of people have devoted their time and expertise towards the creation of this exhibition.

First, I'd like to thank two members of the Museum's curatorial staff, primary content specialist **Greg Mueller** and zoology content specialist **Petra Sierwald**. They have worked on this exhibition for four years and have contributed their scientific expertise, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Many other people contributed content support to this exhibition. **Dan Brinkmeier, Ben Bronson, Bill Burger, Carol Fialkowski, Jonathan Haas, Steven Nash, Tamatha Norment, Chap Kusimba, Debra Moskovits, Al Newton, Phil Parillo, Cap Sease, Dan Summers, Margaret Thayer,** and **Alaka Wali** generously contributed their time and expertise in reviewing materials ranging from specimens to label copy.

I would also like to thank the excellent and hard-working team of exhibits professionals who worked on *Underground*: **Robin Balinsky, Barbara Ceiga, Eunice Hoshizaki,** and **Melissa Johnson** for their work on exhibition development, **Kara Deniston** for administrative and budget tracking, and **Ariel Orlov** for coordination. **Pam Gaible** and her team – **Amanda Flood, Steve Lalik, David Mendez,** and **Beth Tanner** were instrumental in finding creative solutions to the many specimen and mounting concerns. **Paul Brunsvold** was invaluable in ensuring that everything ran smoothly and for his uncanny ability to see the humor in the toughest situations.

Also many thanks to **Neil Keliher, Paula Horecny, Steve Furnett, Tyler Keillor, John Petriekis** and **Kent Peaslee** for their expertise and patience, and to **Michael Burns, Trigg Waller** and **Dirk Urban** for some much-appreciated last-minute heroics.

The team is also grateful to **Rich Faron, Sophia Shaw, Michael Burns, Jean Cattell, Ray Leo,** and **Abigail Sinwell** for their help and support during the development and production of this exhibition.

David Quednau created an outstanding exhibit logo and the variations on it needed for all of the printed material for this exhibition. **Pat Kremer** and the PR Department have found countless ways of promoting *Underground Adventure* and developed a special press preview and other innovative media opportunities.

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FIELD NOTES
Week of March 29

Public Events/Special Events

Museum Open Until 8 p.m. Monday

Wild In Chicago
- Monday & Tuesday

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tuesday Noon Seminar Series
- Zoology Classroom

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m.
  Ground Floor, East Stairwell

Open Finance Forum
- Wednesday 10 a.m., LH2

Tae Bo Class
- Wednesday Noon, Clrm A

A great big thank you to everyone at the Museum who contributed so much in making *Underground Adventure* a great success.

John McCarter

It's Wild in Chicago '99

The Field Museum will celebrate the natural diversity of the region in *It's Wild in Chicago* on Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It's Wild in Chicago '99 coincides with the opening of *Underground Adventure*. Over 40 member organizations of Chicago Wilderness will have displays in Stanley Field Hall and on the Ground Floor. Environmentally-focused performances, Field Museum scientists, and other activities will round out the festival.

Chicago Wilderness will have a poster session highlighting research projects of various Chicago Wilderness members on Saturday, March 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mexico and Central America Hall. The Field Museum is also hosting the second Chicago Wilderness Congress in the Founders' Room.

Submitted by **Kristofer Jadd**

Museum Cookbooks still available!

Help! I promised Elaine I would sell all the remaining Museum Cookbooks (*The Art of the Motorcycle*) by April 1 and I still have 25 left. Call me, e-mail me, stop by, but please, please, please buy a cookbook. They are only $3 and all of the proceeds go the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Chicago House. Many, many thanks.

Submitted by **Janice Klein**
ext. 442
jklein@fmnh.org

Results of movie ticket survey

In the March 5 edition of the *Natural News*, you received a survey regarding discounted movie tickets. We had an overwhelming response telling us that, **YES, you would like to have discounted movie tickets available for you at work!**

Beginning April 1, 1999, you may purchase discounted movie tickets for Loews/Cineplex Odeon/Sony Theatres in the Human Resources Office. Tickets will cost $5 each. These tickets are not valid when movies are first released (the newspaper usually identifies these movies for you). There is an expiration date on the tickets of approximately one year from the date that Human Resources purchases them.

Not only will this be more convenient for you, but now you do not need to wait up to four weeks for your tickets and can buy as little as one at a time! Please stop by Human Resources to purchase your discounted movie tickets by cash or check.

Submitted by **Carole Kasarda**

ATTENTION ALL STAFF:
Expect temperature changes with boiler adjustments

On Monday, March 29, Facility Planning & Operations will switch The Field Museum to its summer boiler configuration. Most areas should notice little difference in temperature. However, as the system re-equalizes, some areas may notice greater than normal fluctuations in temperature. Should you find these temperatures extreme or persisting longer than a few days, please call Facility Planning & Operations at ext. 380.

Submitted by **Lou French**

NEWS FROM MUSEUM CAMPUS CHICAGO

- Museum Campus Trolleys were in service this past Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Approximately 14,600 visitors to the Field, Shedd and Adler rode the trolleys.
- Spring Break trolley service begins Saturday, March 27 through Sunday, April 11. Three trolleys will run daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The Publicity Club of Chicago has recognized the Museum Campus public relations program as a Golden Trumpet winner this year. Public Communications Inc. was hired in April 1998 to manage our public relations program for POW WOW, the mayoral inauguration on June 7, the Opening Gala on June 12, the first combined Adler, Field and Shedd Auxiliary board event at the Adler on June 13, the Opening Weekend, and summer-long programming. Positive local, regional and national media coverage of the Museum Campus' inaugural summer established the Campus' name identity and generated public interest and enthusiasm for the city's new lakefront attraction for local and tourist audiences alike. The national public relations campaign netted 40 million impressions. Coverage highlights included a front-page travel feature story in *The New York Times* and television segments on NBC5, WLS-TV and WMAQ-TV.

The Golden Trumpet Awards are given to public relations programs that overcome obstacles and provide excellent results. A copy of all media coverage is available for viewing in the Museum Campus office. Please call ext. 586 or ext. 323 if you would like to see the wonderful results of PCI's efforts!

Submitted by **Christina Breslow**

Thanks to those who helped with *Underground Adventure* Educators' Preview

On Monday, March 22, the Education Department hosted more than 700 educators at our Educators' Preview for Underground Adventure. This event was extremely successful thanks to the following staff who put their time, expertise and vision into our program:

Robin Balinsky
Jennifer Browning-Skosey
Kara Deniston
Jennifer Eagleton
Maria Fontana
Melissa Johnson
Jennifer Jungers
Jordan Lungstrum
John McCarter
Ed Mikan
Greg Mueller
Francie Muraski-Stotz
Gina Polito
Giuliana Ramirez
Bill Ryan
Petra Sierwald
Joanne Starkowicz
Randy Strickland

And the good people in Visitor Services, Security Services and Housekeeping.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those individuals who made this event remarkable.

Submitted by **Mark Larson** and **John Frazier**

Education Department video wins Communicator Award

In 1998, the Museum distributed a short video, entitled *A Day at The Field*, that introduces teachers to The Field Museum and that highlights learning techniques for an educational field trip. At this year's Communicator Awards, KRT Productions, which worked with the Museum to produce the video, received an Award of Distinction for the video because it "exceeded industry standards in production or communication skills." More than seven hundred copies of the video have been distributed to the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Public Libraries.

Submitted by **Dina Zissimopoulos**

Exhibits welcomes two members to new positions

Please join the Exhibits Department in welcoming **Nel Fetherling** and **Kent Peaslee** to their new positions as Production Administrators. Nel will be taking on the supervisory duties for the *Cartier* exhibit, and Kent will be taking on the supervisory duties for *Sue: The Inside Story*.

Submitted by **Ray Leo** and **Sophia Shaw**

FAN MAIL

Dear Field Museum:

This letter is in regards to one of your volunteer employees, **Sal Ingraffia**.

My family and I live in the Metro-Detroit area and [had] never been to Chicago. My eight-year-old son, who is crazy about dinosaurs, couldn't wait to visit your museum. Obviously, he was fascinated with the "Sue" exhibit and wanted to see more dinosaur bones. When we got to the other dinosaur exhibit, we met Sal. My son, as well as I and the rest of my family, were intrigued with Sal's stories. He spent a great deal of time with us and educated us all.

This letter's purpose is to inform you of Sal's kindness and our appreciation of such. Please forward a copy of this letter to him so that he knows that he was truly appreciated. My son has been talking about your museum and Sal ever since and even claims to want to be a paleontologist. You have a beautiful museum along with beautiful people working there. We look forward to another visit to your museum and will be looking for Sal.

Sincerely,
The Sienkiewicz Family

Submitted by **Mary Ann Bloom**

Dear **Mr. McCarter**:

I am pleased to enclose a selection of reviews *Vanishing Treasures of the Philippine Rain Forest* has received in the nine months post publication – all very favorable. It has been a pleasure to work with Drs. **[Lawrence] Heaney** and **[Jacinto] Regalado**, as well as museum staff, on the distribution of this book, and my colleagues and I hope we might have the opportunity to enjoy similar collaborations with the Museum in the future.

With kind regards,
Christina M. Henry
Editor, Biological Sciences
The University of Chicago Press

Submitted by **John McCarter**

Take Our Children to Work Day

Who: **All children of Museum staff who are in Grades 4-12.**
(son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchildren, or any other child that you help raise)

What: A day designed to help children learn about what really happens in the work world. Children participate in a planned day of activities and talks that help them explore various career areas here at the Museum.

When: **Thursday, April 22, 1999.** Formal activities begin at 9 a.m. and go until 4:30 p.m. However special activities are being planned starting at 7 a.m. for children of staff members whose workday begins before 8:30 a.m. and may need to leave before 4:30 p.m.

Where: Throughout the Museum. Departments hosting special activities for children include: Museum Stores, Special Events, Exhibits, Education, and scientific staff from Anthropology, Birds, Mammals, and Geology.

Why: This day is The Field Museum's way of formalizing its participation in a national event designed to help children learn about careers and the workplace. This is an opportunity for our children to learn what really happens in a variety of areas of the Museum on a daily basis. And it will be a fun, educational experience for the children.

We are hoping to have as many staff members as possible participate. Staff only need to be present with children at lunchtime (11:30-12:15) in order to participate. **If you are interested in bringing a child to work on April 22, please call or email Tracey Pilch in Human Resources (x522, tpilch) by April 19.** Children must be registered in advance in order to participate. Remember that you must get permission from your supervisor.

HURRY, TIME IS RUNNING OUT—REGISTER TODAY!!

Ecology and the Chicago Region: from Cowles to Chicago Wilderness — A Celebratory Symposium

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of Cowles' classic doctoral dissertation and its continued relevance to Chicago Wilderness conservation efforts -- The Field Museum, the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, and Chicago Wilderness invite you to a Celebratory Symposium on **April 9 and 10, 1999**.

Ecology and the Chicago Region: from Cowles to Chicago Wilderness will take us on a journey that explores the impact of Cowles' studies on the understanding of ecology, and on the practical and theoretical applications of ecological restoration and conservation management strategies. Join us for a reception at The Field Museum on Friday evening (9 April), followed by a keynote address by Peter Vitousek, a renowned scholar of biosphere dynamics and soil development. On Saturday morning, listen to presentations by and engage in discussions with international and regional ecologists and conservationists on the impact and ramifications of Cowles' work for us today. Then in the afternoon, participate in one of seven exceptional field trips led by local experts involving topics such as succession, restoration, education, and the partnerships between natural areas and industry. Or examine management techniques at work during open houses featured at regional restoration sites.

After traversing your choice of dunes, prairies, marshes, wetlands, or savannas, settle down to a campfire, dinner and entertainment at the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center.

Reserve your spot today! Stop by the E.C.P. office, e-mail Tina Bentz at cbentz@fmnh.org or call ext. 550 for a full brochure and information about registration. Special discounted fees are available for Chicago Wilderness (Field Museum) volunteers and staff, and students.

AFTER MARCH 15TH:

- $60 ($30 CW volunteers and staff & VSN, $ 25 students) Symposium & Field Trip package registration fee includes Friday reception, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, field trip transportation and admittance to Friday and Saturday presentations. **(HURRY!! THIS OPTION WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 1)**
- $40 ($20 CW volunteers and staff & VSN, $ 15 students) Symposium package includes Friday reception, Saturday breakfast and admittance to Friday and Saturday presentations. **(AVAILABLE THROUGH APRIL 10; ON-SITE REGISTRATION AT THE FIELD MUSEUM)**

Field trip #1 ~ Follow in the Footsteps of H. C. Cowles
Field trip #2 ~ Terrestrial Bus Tour
Field trip #3 ~ Aquatic Bus Tour
Field trip #4 ~ Cowles' Classic Sites Tour

CLOSED: Field trip #5 ~ 7000 Years of Succession
Field trip #6 ~ Education & Restoration
Field trip #7 ~ Nature & Industry

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 PASSOVER Canopy removed today.	2 GOOD FRIDAY Ed-SFH/JST 3:00pm – 12:00 Midnight	3 ED-Overnight
4 EASTER	5 CWinship-SFH/JST 5:00pm-10:00pm	6 The Visitors Movie- Entire Museum 7am-6pm Badams-JST/Searle Lounge/Grd Flr 10:00am-9:00pm	7 The Visitors Movie-Entire Museum 4:30am-9:00pm Arthur Anderson-Undergrd Adv 6:00pm-10:00pm	8 The Visitors Movie-Entire Museum 6:00am-9:00pm	9 Orthodox Holy Friday A.Watson Armour III- JST 5:00pm-9:00pm Laurel Motors-SFH 6:30pm-9:30pm Ed-HDTV Demo-JST 8am-12pm Breakdown of Movie-	10 Edward Hospital-SFH 6:30-11:00pm AKashuba- A. Watson Armour III-JST 7:00am-1:00pm LSanders-Picnic In The Field-9am-5pm Fire vs Dallas 7pm
11 Orthodox Easter	12 Dinos & More-SFH/JST 10:00am-1:00pm	13 Volunteer Dinner-SFH 6:00pm-10:00pm AGeppert-Undgrd Adv-5:00-6:00pm	14 CWinship-JST 7:30pm-9:00pm 800 Latino Set-Up-JST	15 Latino Cinema-SFH/JST 6:00pm-10:00pm 600	16 ED-Overnight Reading is Fundamental-M.Ward Hall 9am-12:00pm 149 Jkrynytzky/Peace Corp-Rice 1:00pm-3:00pm	17 John Marshall Law School-SFH/BAL 500 9:00pm-1:00am Fire vs Los Angeles 7pm
18 T-Special Events-SFH 6:00pm-10:00pm 800 Society For The Arts-JST 5:00pm-10:00pm	19 T-Special Events-SFH/JST The Cowles Symposium-JST 7am-1pm	20 Principal For A Day-SFH 6:00pm-10:00pm 1000 Intervention-JST 12:00pm-4:00pm 400	21 CWinship-Whole Museum 6:00pm-12:00am	22 Tpilch-Rice 9:00am-10:45 am Amber Set-Up – JST 2:00pm-12:00am Mfontana-SFH 10am-11am	23 N.W.U./T.K.Woodruff-Rice/Ward Hall/W Lobby 5pm-10pm Amber Mexican Fine Arts-JST 12:00am-12:00am	24 Mayer, Brown & Platt-SFH/Bal 6:00pm-12:00am 400 Mexican Fine Arts-12:00pm-2:00pm T.K. Woodruff-Ward Hall/W. Lobby 7:45am-7:30pm
25 Neenah Paper-SFH/Bal 5:30pm-7:30pm 300 T.Woodruff-Ward Hall/W Lobby 7:45am-12:00-noon CNA Insur-Rice/SFH 6:30pm-10:00pm 150 Concert/Grant Pk	26	27	28	29 LDini-Media Preview of Art of Being Kuna 10am-12pm	30 JThymes-Overnight LDini-Press Preview-Art of Kuna 10am-12pm	

$$ FINANCE FORUM $$

GOT QUESTIONS?

**At 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
March 31 in Classroom A,
Lisa Wodis and other members of the
Finance staff will hold an open forum
to address any and all finance-related
questions you may have.
All administrative staff are welcome at this
opportunity to address concerns
and clarify recent changes.**

**If there is interest, the forum will be held
every other Wednesday throughout
our system conversion, or longer
if it continues to be useful.**

We hope to see you there!

Also…

- After April 1, we will no longer be honoring old Purchase Requisitions which use the old numerical accounting sequence. If you have a standing purchase order which was submitted before the switch to the new accounting system, please submit a new one with the correct account number. **A Purchase Requisition must be used for *all* purchases made.** If you are not sure what the new account number should be, please contact **Lisa Wodis** at ext. 542.

UNDERGROUND: *Continued from page 1*

Thanks are due to the Education Department for creating dynamic programs that add to the public's understanding of the themes of *Underground*, especially **Jennifer Eagleton, Jennifer Skosey,** and **Gina Polito** along with the rest of the Education staff. Thanks also to **Mary Ann Bloom** for assembling the volunteers to add to visitors' experiences in *Underground*.

An exhibition of this size affects all departments within the Museum, and I thank you all for your efforts and support. A special nod goes to the Campaign Office and Institutional Advancement, Facility Planning, and Finance for the special burdens this exhibition placed on your staff.

Laura Sadler and **Jill Mandler** and their team have created a spectacular shop and great merchandise to accompany *Underground Adventure*. And of course, thanks to the Security, Visitor Services and Housekeeping Departments for learning the special needs of this exhibition.

Finally, thanks to the Administration, particularly **Laura Gates** and **Peter Crane** who four years ago initiated a major exhibition on a subject that wasn't necessarily popular, but is extremely important. Also thanks to all of the Administration for their continuing support throughout the process and for devoting sufficient time and resources to allow us to present the subject matter with thoughtfulness and appeal.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped make *Underground Adventure* a success.

Submitted by **Francie Muraski-Stotz**

Tuesday At Noon Seminar Series continues

Dr. Roland Kays of the Division of Mammalogy in our department of Zoology is the next speaker in our seminar series. The title of his talk is "The Solitary Group Life of a Frugivorous Carnivore: the Kinkajou." If this title sounds a little contradictory, why not join us to learn more about these interesting animals. We'll be meeting in the Zoology classroom at 12 noon on March 30.

Submitted by **Bill Burger**

New bicycle parking area to open soon in Shipping

Good news for all staff who ride bikes to work! The new, secure, bicycle storage area in shipping is almost ready to open. We are awaiting the installation of a card reader and CCTV camera, which should occur within the next seven to ten days.

However, because there will be a card reader on the gate, we need to have an idea of how many people will be using the cage. Anyone who requests use of the cage must register their bicycle with Security and will need to have their ID/Keycard programmed into the reader on the cage. If you plan to use the cage for parking your bike, or if you have any questions, please contact Security at ext. 238, or e-mail **Ron Cundiff** at rcundiff.

Submitted by **Ronald Cundiff**

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